

ABSTRACT

Wireless communications relative to a vehicle using a wireless communications device, a pocket for holding the wireless communication device and a docking station in communication with the pocket are provided. Together, the pocket and docking station form a docking assembly. The docking station is capable of identifying the particular model of wireless communications device held by the pocket, in order to select an appropriate command set or set of electrical characteristics for use in interacting with the wireless communications device. The pocket can include a processor for translating communications between the wireless communications device and the docking station. The docking station has processing capability and can communicate with different pockets and thereby different wireless communications devices. In at least one embodiment, the docking station manages voice recognition and text-to-speech commands to facilitate hands-free communications in the vehicle. The docking station can function as a communications hub involving a number of vehicle subsystems.